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SUBJECT: WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE

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1. GON HAS INFORMED US IT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SENDING ONE OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER IN NEPAL TO WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE. GON HAS ASKED WHETHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE PROVIDED BY USG TO COVER COSTS OF ATTENDING CONFERENCE. EMBASSY HAS REPLIED THAT IT IS UNAWARE OF ANY PROVISIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

2. THE OBTAINING OF FUNDS TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS IS A CONTINUAL PROBLEM HERE, AS MINISTRY OF FINANCE MAINTAINS TIGHT CONTROL, SOMETIMES REFUSING TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS WHERE NEPAL HAS BEEN PREVIOUS PARTICIPANT. ATTENDANCE AT ENERGY CONFERENCE IS PROBABLY RELATIVELY LOW PRIORITY FOR FINANCE MINISTRY, AND IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT GON WILL SEND A REPRESENTATIVE WITHOUT SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. WHILE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SECTOR IS IN INCIPIENT STAGE IN NEPAL, FUTURE HOLDS GREAT POTENTIAL, WITH THE MAJOR KARNALI
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PROJECT AND NUMEROUS SMALLER PROJECTS IN OFFING.

3. IN VIEW OF GON INQUIRY, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S
OPINION AS TO WHETHER SOME FORM OF USG ASSISTANCE TO COVER COSTS
IS AVAILABLE.
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